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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The legislature recognizes that the armed forces license plate
6 collection has been reviewed and approved by the special license plate
7 review board.

8 (2) The department shall issue a special license plate collection,
9 approved by the special license plate review board and the legislature,
10 recognizing the contribution of veterans, active duty military
11 personnel, reservists, and members of the Washington national guard.
12 The collection includes six separate designs, each containing a symbol
13 representing a different branch of the armed forces to include army,
14 navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, and Washington national
15 guard.

16 (3) Armed forces special license plates may be used in lieu of
17 regular or personalized license plates for vehicles required to display
18 one and two vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
19 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
20 department.

21 (4) Upon request, the department must make available to the
22 purchaser, at no additional cost, a decal indicating the purchaser's
23 military status. The department must work with the department of
24 veterans affairs to establish a list of the decals to be made
25 available. The list of available decals must include, but is not
26 limited to, "veteran," "disabled veteran," "reservist," "retiree," or
27 "active duty." The department may specify where the decal may be
28 placed on the license plate. Decals are required to be made available
29 only for standard six-inch by twelve-inch license plates.

1 (5) Armed forces license plates and decals are available only to
2 veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.007, active duty military personnel,
3 reservists, members of the Washington national guard, and the spouses
4 of deceased veterans. Upon initial application, any purchaser
5 requesting an armed forces license plate and decal will be required to
6 show proof of eligibility by providing: A DD-214 or discharge papers
7 if a veteran; a military identification or retired military
8 identification card; or a declaration of fact attesting to the
9 purchaser's eligibility as required under this section.

10 (6) The department of veterans affairs must enter into an agreement
11 with the department to reimburse the department for the costs
12 associated with providing military status decals described in
13 subsection (4) of this section.

14 (7) Armed forces license plates are not available free of charge to
15 disabled veterans, former prisoners of war, or spouses of deceased
16 former prisoners of war under the privileges defined in RCW 73.04.110
17 and 73.04.115.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) "Armed forces license plate collection" means the collection of
21 six separate license plate designs issued under section 1 of this act.
22 Each license plate design displays a symbol representing one of the
23 five branches of the armed forces, and one representing the Washington
24 national guard.

25 (2) Armed forces license plates are not available free of charge to
26 disabled veterans, former prisoners of war, or spouses of deceased
27 former prisoners of war under the privileges defined in RCW 73.04.110
28 and 73.04.115.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.313 and 2004 c 221 s 3, 2004 c 48 s 3, and 2004
30 c 35 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

31 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty
32 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW
33 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section
34 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the
35 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration
36 of this program. This fee is in addition to all other fees required to

1 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been
2 requested. All such additional special license plate fees collected by
3 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to
4 the motor vehicle fund.

5 (2) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
6 application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
7 collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars.
8 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of
9 each fee collected under this subsection for administration and
10 collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be
11 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
12 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
13 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
14 RCW 28B.10.890.

15 (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
16 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a collegiate
17 license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall
18 deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under
19 this subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by
20 it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to the custody of the
21 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
22 treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate collegiate license
23 plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

24 (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
25 application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
26 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
27 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
28 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
29 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
30 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
31 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
32 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
33 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
34 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
35 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
36 to the state general fund.

37 (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
38 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special

1 baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
2 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
3 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
4 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed
5 to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest
6 payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium,
7 as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
8 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
9 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
10 to the state general fund.

11 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
12 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
13 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a
14 professional fire fighters and paramedics license plate shall pay an
15 initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount
16 not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this
17 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
18 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state
19 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW
20 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
21 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
22 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the professional fire fighters
23 and paramedics license plates. Upon the determination by the
24 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall
25 credit the proceeds to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters
26 benevolent fund established under RCW 46.16.30902.

27 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
28 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
29 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a professional fire
30 fighters and paramedics license plate shall, upon application, pay a
31 fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to
32 exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
33 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
34 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
35 proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state
36 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
37 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
38 cost of implementing the professional fire fighters and paramedics

1 special license plate. Upon the determination by the department that
2 the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds
3 to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters benevolent fund
4 established under RCW 46.16.30902.

5 (8) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
6 November 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
7 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a
8 "Helping Kids Speak" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
9 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
10 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
11 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
12 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
13 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
14 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
15 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
16 cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate.
17 Upon the determination by the department that the state has been
18 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping
19 Kids Speak" account established under RCW 46.16.30904.

20 (9) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on November
21 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
22 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids Speak"
23 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.
24 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each
25 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
26 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to
27 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
28 report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit
29 the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the department
30 determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of
31 implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate. Upon the
32 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
33 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping Kids Speak" account
34 established under RCW 46.16.30904.

35 (10) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
36 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
37 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a "law
38 enforcement memorial" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty

1 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
2 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
3 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
4 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
5 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
6 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
7 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
8 cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license
9 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has
10 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law
11 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

12 (11) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
13 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
14 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "law enforcement
15 memorial" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
16 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
17 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
18 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
19 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
20 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
21 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
22 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
23 cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license
24 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has
25 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law
26 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

27 (12)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
28 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
29 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
30 of an armed forces license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
31 dollars. The department shall retain an amount not to exceed twelve
32 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
33 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
34 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
35 identifying report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall
36 credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the department
37 determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of
38 implementing the armed forces special license plate collection. Upon

1 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
2 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the veterans stewardship account
3 established under section 4 of this act.

4 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
5 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
6 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of an armed forces
7 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.
8 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each
9 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
10 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to
11 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying report.
12 Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to
13 the motor vehicle account until the department determines that the
14 state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the armed forces
15 special license plate collection. Upon the determination by the
16 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall
17 credit the proceeds to the veterans stewardship account established in
18 section 4 of this act.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.60A RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) The veterans stewardship account is created in the custody of
22 the state treasurer. Disbursements of funds must be on the
23 authorization of the director or the director's designee, and only for
24 the purposes stated in subsection (4) of this section. In order to
25 maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, funds are
26 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
27 required to permit expenditure of the funds.

28 (2) The department may request and accept nondedicated
29 contributions, grants, or gifts in cash or otherwise, including funds
30 generated by the issuance of the armed forces license plate collection
31 under chapter 46.16 RCW.

32 (3) All receipts, except as provided in RCW 46.16.313(12) (a) and
33 (b), from the sale of armed forces license plates must be deposited
34 into the veterans stewardship account.

35 (4) All moneys deposited into the veterans stewardship account must
36 be used by the department for activities that benefit veterans,
37 including but not limited to, providing programs and services for

1 homeless veterans; establishing memorials honoring veterans; and
2 maintaining a future state veterans' cemetery. Funds from the account
3 may not be used to supplant existing funds received by the department.

4 **Sec. 5.** RCW 73.04.115 and 1990 c 250 s 91 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall issue to the surviving spouse of any
7 deceased former prisoner of war described in RCW 73.04.110(2), one set
8 of regular or special license plates for use on a personal passenger
9 vehicle registered to that person.

10 (2) The plates shall be issued without the payment of any license
11 fees or excise tax on the vehicle. Whenever any person who has been
12 issued license plates under this section applies to the department for
13 transfer of the plates to a subsequently acquired motor vehicle, a
14 transfer fee of five dollars shall be charged in addition to all other
15 appropriate fees. If the surviving spouse remarries, he or she shall
16 return the special plates to the department within fifteen days and
17 apply for regular license plates.

18 (3) For purposes of this section, the term "special license plates"
19 does not include any plate from the armed forces license plate
20 collection established in section 1 of this act.

21 **Sec. 6.** RCW 73.04.110 and 2004 c 223 s 6 and 2004 c 125 s 1 are
22 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

23 (1) Any person who is a veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.007 who
24 submits to the department of licensing satisfactory proof of a service-
25 connected disability rating from the veterans administration or the
26 military service from which the veteran was discharged and:

27 ~~((1))~~ (a) Has lost the use of both hands or one foot;

28 ~~((2))~~ (b) Was captured and incarcerated for more than twenty-nine
29 days by an enemy of the United States during a period of war with the
30 United States;

31 ~~((3))~~ (c) Has become blind in both eyes as the result of military
32 service; or

33 ~~((4))~~ (d) Is rated by the veterans administration or the military
34 service from which the veteran was discharged and is receiving service-
35 connected compensation at the one hundred percent rate that is expected
36 to exist for more than one year;

1 is entitled to regular or special license plates issued by the
2 department of licensing. The special license plates shall bear
3 distinguishing marks, letters, or numerals indicating that the motor
4 vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran or former prisoner of war. This
5 license shall be issued annually for one personal use vehicle without
6 payment of any license fees or excise tax thereon. Whenever any person
7 who has been issued license plates under the provisions of this section
8 applies to the department for transfer of the plates to a subsequently
9 acquired motor vehicle, a transfer fee of ten dollars shall be charged
10 in addition to all other appropriate fees. The department may
11 periodically verify the one hundred percent rate as provided in
12 subsection (~~(4)~~) (1)(d) of this section.

13 (2) Any person who has been issued free motor vehicle license
14 plates under this section prior to July 1, 1983, shall continue to be
15 eligible for the annual free license plates.

16 (3) For the purposes of this section, (a): "Blind" means the
17 definition of "blind" used by the state of Washington in determining
18 eligibility for financial assistance to the blind under Title 74 RCW;
19 and (b) "special license plates" does not include any plate from the
20 armed forces license plate collection established in section 1 of this
21 act.

22 Any unauthorized use of a special plate is a gross misdemeanor.

23 **Sec. 7.** RCW 41.04.007 and 2002 c 292 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 "Veteran" includes every person, who at the time he or she seeks
26 the benefits of section 1 of this act, RCW 72.36.030, 41.04.010,
27 73.04.090, 73.04.110, 73.08.010, 73.08.060, 73.08.070, or 73.08.080 has
28 received an honorable discharge or received a discharge for medical
29 reasons with an honorable record, where applicable, and who has served
30 in at least one of the following capacities:

31 (1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United
32 States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and has
33 fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation;

34 (2) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots;

35 (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or
36 coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a presidential
37 select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty cumulative days;

1 (4) As a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army
2 transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in
3 oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946; or
4 (5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during the
5 period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August 15,
6 1945."

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7 In line 1 of the title, after "collection;" strike the remainder of
8 the title and insert "amending RCW 73.04.115 and 41.04.007; reenacting
9 and amending RCW 46.16.313 and 73.04.110; adding new sections to
10 chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.60A RCW."

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